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## THE GRAVEYARD SHIFT

Conservation work on the huge churchyard at St Peter's, which has been transformed in the last three years, is seen as one of the reasons for the shift in perceptions of the village. The renowned village tours, an innovative approach to tourism and the Thanet Creeters project have also played their part.

■ BY TOM BETTS

READ this very carefully: the village of St Peter's has been named as the second-best tourist destination IN THE WORLD.

St Peter's has traditionally been one of the isle's less celebrated spots, often regarded as little more than a suburb of Broadstairs.

However, the establishment of the St Peter's Village Tour has changed all that, and at the World Travel Market, held at London's ExCel Centre this month, it was highly commended in the category of Best Tourism Destination in the World.

Brian Sleightholm, chairman of the St Peter's Village Tour, said he was "delighted and proud" at the locale's international recognition.

He said: "The overall winner was New Zealand, so we came second to them."

Mr Sleightholm explained why he thought the village had received such an extraordinary honour.

He said: "I think it's because we take visitors round in small groups of about 10, and not in the huge groups other places and attractions seem to do. That way people get more attention and don't end up damaging the place."

"Secondly, it could be down to conservation. Our churchyard, which is one of the longest in England, had become terribly overgrown. But over the last three years it has been cleared by people doing community service.

"The partnership between us, the probation service and Thanet council seems to be something they are very keen on.

"We also have 110 volunteers and they like the fact that we involve the community rather than just employing tour guides from outside."

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UNDER THREAT: Montefiore tennis courts appear to have been condemned by a council audit

# Alternative audit result served up to save tennis courts

■ BY TOM BETTS

A PRESSURE group opposing the sale of the Montefiore tennis courts says the findings of an audit which looks to have condemned them are flawed.

The Hands Off Our Tennis group (HOOT) does not want the site to be sold under Thanet council's asset management plan and has put together its own detailed report explaining why the courts should be saved.

The group says Thanet council has missed the point of PP17, a Government policy guideline that sets out standards for sports and amenities provision in communities.

Thanet council commissioned an audit by Strategic Leisure Ltd at a cost of £50,000 to look at the issue, but HOOT supporter Cllr Alan Poole said: "Thanet council say the courts are redundant and have used PP17 to back their argument up, but they have sort of misused it."

"What PP17 is saying is you need a certain amount of courts in the area and we haven't got them - the ones they were counting are unused or don't exist. So in actual fact they are well short of the quota."

HOOT is saying the courts help fulfil the requirements, not obstruct them.

Its own report says: "The TDC audit is dubious in its methodology; it contradicts itself in implying a higher level of participation for tennis in the area and then adopts a lower level of provision than the Lawn Tennis Association standard without any explanation."

It goes on: "Over a third of the ten-

nis courts in the survey are not tennis courts any more, either through disrepair or being used for other purposes.

"Even using the lower level of provision adopted by this audit, the total number of community tennis courts is only half of what the TDC audit says it should be. In short there is an under-provision of tennis courts, not an over-provision."

The results of PP17 advised the council to "rationalise the court provision in Thanet to provide fewer but better-quality sites".

A council spokeswoman said: "We are currently out to consultation on this issue and encourage people to get any views or feedback in to us."

"We look forward to hearing from HOOT as part of this consultation and assure all residents that comments and concerns raised as part of this process will be fully considered before any decisions are taken."

The courts are open all year round for tennis and bring in about £2,000 each summer, although often they are free to use and one has recently been resurfaced.

Cllr Poole added: "They clearly do have a lot of usage, they are still bringing in a good sum of money."

The council says it wants to reinvest the proceeds of any sale into building new facilities.

• To comment on the consultation, email hannah.thorpe@thanet.gov.uk, or write to Communications, FREEPOST SEA 8273, Thanet District Council, PO Box 9, Cecil Street, Margate, CT9 1XZ.

## Villagers greet commendation with pleasure

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The only other highly-commended destination in the category was the town of Bouctouche in Canada.

Mr Sleightholm said: "In the award magazine there are four pages about New Zealand, followed by a page about St Peter's and Bouctouche."

"It states 'Two communities, an ocean apart, but which had both seen better days, have found innovative ways of using tourism to revive their fortunes and their pride.'"

And to complete a good week for St Peter's, the village tour received special mention in this year's British Guild of Travel Writers awards. The Thanet Greeters project was highly commended in the Best New UK Tourist Attraction category.

Fran Warrington, head of Visit Kent, said: "We're delighted and proud that Thanet Greeters have been recognised."

"It's a new venture right at the heart of the community, welcoming visitors, and we're sure it will go from strength to strength as similar groups roll out across the county."

The Thanet Greeters project was set up in May 2007 and is based on a model from New York.

• To learn more about the St Peter's Village Tour, visit [www.villagetur.co.uk](http://www.villagetur.co.uk).

## Academy FM aims to put kids on air

PLANS are at an advanced stage to launch a local radio station based at the Marlowe Academy in Ramsgate.

Blessed with the working title of Academy FM, the station will cover most of the Isle.

If the first application to Ofcom, the independent communication regulator is successful, the station could be up and running before summer 2009.

Included in the planning is the provision that schools in the area should play a full part in all aspects of its operations.

## Free collections

RAMSGATE man Derek Biggs has become the latest winner of the council's competition to win free green waste collections until the end of March 2009.

He received the prize after being selected at random from all the customers who have signed up for the scheme since it started.

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# Jimmy tells the nation of strange encounter in his favourite town

## Nappy Man's antics endear Margate to comic

JUST a month after his Winter Gardens show was interrupted by unruly behaviour, comedian Jimmy Carr has told the nation of his love for Margate.

On Thursday last week he revealed to Britain that he was a big fan of the isle resort.

The host of the Eight Out of Ten Cats TV show told Chris Moyles on his BBC Radio One breakfast slot that it was one of his favourite places to visit while on tour, despite recent antics.

In October Yourthanet exclusively told the bizarre story of the Nappy Man – an apparently drunken member of the audience who disrupted the comic's Margate show.

Not only did he repeatedly disturb proceedings, but he felt the need to

■ BY TOM BETTS

take a toilet break and return minus all his clothes and wearing just a nappy made from toilet roll.

His boorish behaviour riled the crowd as the night wore on and some feared a fight might break out, while others complained his behaviour sparked a barrage of heckling that ruined the flow of the show and many of Carr's gags.

However, Carr said on the Radio One show: "I played Margate and it's a great town to play because they're quite up for it."

"It's one of those towns I love playing because no one goes there, no one goes to play there. People say 'Oh, they can travel to London', but it's two hours! So go here and do the gig."

He went on: "So I went there, the audience were all quite excitable, quite drunk, really funky."

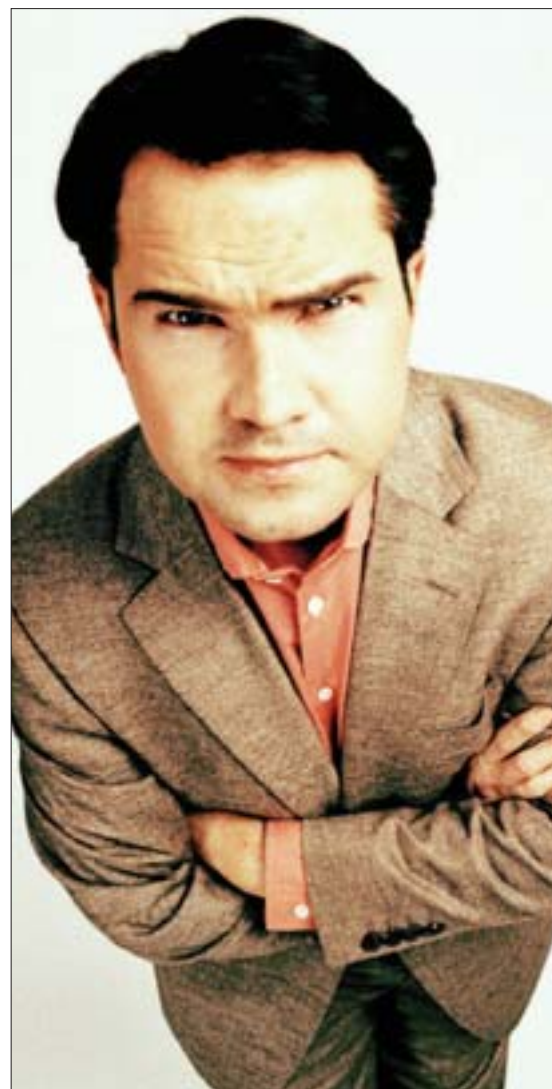
"So this guy gets up and goes to the gents and I took the mickey out of him when he got up and stuff, and he comes back in, had taken all his clothes off and was dressed just in toilet paper."

Deadpan Carr concluded: "I went kind of 'What's going on?' and he came in and he sat down and a bloke at the front, arms crossed, just went 'You're in Margate, mate!'."

"The rest of the audience just kind of laughed as if to say 'Yeah, you are in Margate!'."

"It was brilliant, it's such a fun town."

During the second half of the gig, the man was escorted out by Thanet Leisure Force staff as he continued to disrupt proceedings.



UP FOR IT: Jimmy Carr says he loves the Margate audience throwing itself into his show

## Businesses can build on breakfast

THE relocation of Thanet College to Westwood could offer a bumper payday for nearby businesses.

In the tendering documents an obligation for contractors to use locally-sourced labour and materials "wherever possible" was included.

Thanet College says it is keen to work with the community and a breakfast for firms to learn more about the opportunities is being organised.

Thanet and East Kent Chamber of Commerce has teamed up with the college to host the breakfast on Thursday, December 4.

For details, email [admin@tek.co.uk](mailto:admin@tek.co.uk), with the subject header Thanet College Business Breakfast.

# Chemical spill 'not a problem'

THANET council is scotching claims that a large chemical spillage in the 1990s is a potential health hazard.

A solvent called cyclohexanone was leaked at Sericol's Rumfield site at Poorhole Lane, Broadstairs, and discovered in 1994.

Some people have been worried it might have entered the isle's water supply, but those claims were this week dismissed in a statement from the council, which says it wants to "set the record straight".

The authority says there is no chance the chemical could have entered the water supply because Rumfields was not being used for that at the time and has not been used since the discovery of the leak.

Council chief executive Richard Samuel said: "These answers should help set the record straight about this incident, which has been monitored over the years by the Environment Agency, with help from the council and Southern Water."

"It's clear measures have been in place all this time to ensure there is no danger to the drinking water supply and explodes any myth

vapours may have been leaking into the atmosphere over the years."

Ramsgate bookshop owner Michael Child brought up the matter on his internet blog and asked the local authority for information.

The council statement said: "Recently, there have been some incorrect reports and speculation about the incident, which the council is aiming to correct with a detailed response to questions raised by Mr Child."

Mr Samuel added that there was no risk to those living or working nearby: "Public safety is our first concern and we felt it was important to clear up confusion over this incident and show the safeguarding measures that have been in place for many years by the organisations involved in dealing with this."

The council says it has taken remedial measures to remove industrial solvent from chalk below the Rumfields site.

Cyclohexanone is a flammable, oily liquid that floats on water and smells similar to peppermint. It can cause grave health problems if humans come into contact with it.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Quick turnaround in council performance

DECISIONS on planning applications on the isle are among the fastest in the country.

According to national figures monitoring performance, Thanet council's team was in the top 25 per cent of all authorities when it came to determining planning applications between April 2007 and March 2008.

Two years earlier the council was among the worst-performing 25 per cent.

Government targets state that major planning applications should be decided within 13 weeks, and in Thanet 82 per cent were determined within that timescale.

Minor applications and other decisions have to be determined within eight weeks and Thanet decided on 86 per cent, which includes housing developments up to 10 units, within the required time.

For other decisions, which include household extensions, the figure was 94 per cent.

When it comes to other planning decisions, the figures put Thanet in the top 50 in the country out of 360 authorities.

## Fairtrade invitation

ENJOY an ethical Christmas this year with help from the Thanet Fairtrade Initiative.

The group is holding a Christmas event at Quex Barn on Saturday, December 6.

Among the attractions will be a raffle, wine-tasting and lots of goods on special sale.

Organiser Tammy Stewart-Jones said: "It's a chance to buy excellent Fairtrade gifts and assist us in our quest to make Thanet a Fairtrade island."

"Do come along to join in with the fun and celebrations. If you have never been to the barn, you will not be disappointed."

Admission is free and the event runs from 11am to 3pm.

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## STEVE AND STUART'S NEW BEAT



Westwood Cross shopping centre has two new bobbies on the beat.

PC Steve Lewis (left) and PC Stuart Finch are the local officers assigned to the patch and have been getting to know staff and customers.

Both officers, who have 10 years' experience between them with Kent Police, are working with stores in the run-up to Christmas. There will be a high-visibility presence and vehicle checks.

PC Lewis said: "Westwood Cross is a very safe and pleasant place to visit. We are looking forward to playing our part in keeping it that way."

PC Finch said: "Many of the stores already have effective security and we all work closely with the team monitoring the centre on the cameras."

"The message is simple: if you plan to come to Westwood Cross to commit crime, you are not welcome and will be caught and face prosecution."

To contact PC Lewis, phone 07969 583992, or email [steven.lewis@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:steven.lewis@kent.pnn.police.uk).

To contact PC Finch, phone 07772 226087, or email [stuart.finch@kent.pnn.police.uk](mailto:stuart.finch@kent.pnn.police.uk).

## Pensioner can't bear to stay in her home

BY TOM BETTS

AN ELDERLY woman is spending her days wandering around the town centres of Kent or riding the bus network alone to avoid returning to the block of flats in which she lives.

Retired Joy Tragner, 70, claims that her life is being made a misery by neighbours at Queens Lodge in Cliftonville.

She now spends as little time as possible at home because she says cannot bear the behaviour of some of those who have been moved into the building.

She says items have been stolen from outside her front door, fire-doors are being left open and she has to live with the constant thumping of an unidentifiable noise coming from above.

Mrs Tragner, who bought her flat in 2007, said: "I used to like it. For five months it was beautiful and quiet, but not any more."

"As soon as the council people started to arrive, it went downhill very quickly. I go out



JOY CONFINED: Mrs Tragner outside Queens Lodge

as often as I can to get away because it's just become too much."

Hillingdon Homes, the London Borough of

Hillingdon's housing management company, owns the flats.

Of the 31 properties, 20 are occupied by Hillingdon tenants, while the other 11 are leasehold, such as that owned by Mrs Tragner.

Some residents bought the flats under the right-to-buy scheme.

Mrs Tragner said: "Ever since the council tenants moved in, it has been hell."

"I have people peering in through my windows, I am verbally abused and I have to live with this noise, this grinding thump that goes on from midnight through to the morning. I can't sleep."

"I thought the flat was ideal for me, but it has turned into a nightmare. I wouldn't have spent £3,000 on moving in if I'd known what it was going to be like. Nobody told me it was going to be like this."

Tim Price, the chief executive officer of Hillingdon Homes, said: "We advised the vendor's solicitor that the freehold was owned by the London Borough of Hillingdon."

"We have worked with Mrs Tragner to look into her concerns but have not been able to substantiate the complaints."

"No other complaints have been made about this matter by other residents of Queens Lodge."

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**HEROES:** Lifeguards Chris Boundy and John Dugard have been awarded gallantry medals for their life-saving efforts

# Praise for pair who supported hero lifeguards

■ BY TOM BETTS

A COUPLE from Broadstairs have been commended by the Royal National Lifeboats Institution after a dramatic sea rescue in Cornwall's coast known as "the washing machine".

Ian Watkins and his wife Jane assisted two RNLI lifeguards who pulled an angler to safety after he was spotted lying face-down in the water at a notoriously treacherous area of Cornwall's coast known as "the washing machine".

Yorkshireman David Nicklin was being repeatedly swept against the rocks and gullies at Trebarwith Strand and had even become entangled in his own fishing line.

He needed urgent treatment when he was brought on to the land by the lifeguards, who entered the sea to save him, at risk to their own safety.

After he was moved up the beach by the party, trained nurse Jane, along with the lifeguards Chris Boundy and John Dugard, proceeded to resuscitate the stricken Mr Nicklin while Mr Watkins called paramedics.

Mr Nicklin was revived after the quartet's valiant efforts proved successful and he was airlifted to hospital by helicopter.

Ian was full of praise for the two lifeguards who took part in the rescue.

He said: "Chris could have died. He had to keep going back under the water to pull Mr Nicklin out. How he got him out I'll never know.

"A lot of people wouldn't have gone in – it was that bad. You could really see the importance of the lifeguards' training, especially with the CPR [cardiopulmonary resuscitation], when they were supported by my wife Jane, who was really calm."

The lifeguards have since been awarded the RNLI's Silver Medal for Gallantry and Mr and Mrs Watkins were presented with a framed letter of thanks signed by RNLI chairman Admiral the Lord Boyce.

Mr Nicklin said: "I'm so pleased to hear that John and Chris are being recognised with this award, which they thoroughly deserve. They are two wonderful young men who did an amazing job.

"Without John and Chris I'd be dead. I can't thank them enough – it's impossible – because life is so precious and you're a long time dead."

Trebarwith Strand beach disappears at high tide, so the area is often closed to swimmers due to the hazardous conditions.

On the day of the rescue a four-foot swell was breaking on to the rocks and sea conditions were especially bad.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Fines for four who left rubbish in street

FOUR litterbugs have been fined for dropping waste or allowing their dogs to foul and failing to pick up the mess.

On Monday last week, Marian Lacko, of Canterbury Road, Margate, was fined £190 for dropping a cigarette end in Margate High Street.

Discarded cigarette rubbish also resulted in fines for Stacey White, of Durban Road, Margate, (£165) and Pethugiv Ramalingham, from Ashford, who was punished by the same amount for dropping a cigarette packet wrapper in Northdown Road, Cliftonville.

The final fine went to Marron Johnston, of Gordon Road, Cliftonville, who was fined £165 for allowing his dog to foul and failing to pick up after it in Queen's Promenade, Cliftonville.

Since the start of 2008, 242 Fixed Penalty Notices have been handed out for littering, with 64 Fixed Penalty Notices given to people who failed to pick up their dogs' mess.

In October alone, 46 tickets were handed out by Thanet council's team of Community Safety Wardens.

### Rotary Santa announces his isle touring dates

THE Rotary Club of Broadstairs will again be touring the isle by sleigh and playing carols.

The annual street collection is made for local charities and people in need.

Anyone who wishes to join Father Christmas for some yuletide fun will find him at the following venues:

- Tesco Extra, Westwood Cross, Saturday, November 30.
- Matalan, Westwood Cross, December, Saturday 6.
- Sainsbury's, December, Sunday 7.
- Tesco Extra, Broadstairs, Saturday, December 13, and Saturday, December 20.

### Cliff-top plunge driver due for hospital release

A MAN who suffered life-threatening head injuries after his car plunged over a head-gate cliff was due to be released from hospital yesterday (Tuesday).

Police said the collision involved three vehicles and that one, driven by a man thought to be in his 70s, was "shunted" over the railings in Paragon Street on Friday last week.

He dropped 20ft to the concrete below and was cut free from the wreckage by Kent Fire and Rescue. Police said he had remained "conscious and breathing throughout".

Paramedics took him to the QEQM Hospital in Margate for treatment.

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## Entertainment's a real page-turner

HE'S known as Mr Ramsgate, he's the boss of the town's Granville Theatre and he's also something of an author... Ralph Hoult talks to Yourkenttv about his latest tome, which charts the entertainment industry in Ramsgate.

A Trip Down Memory Lane: Ramsgate Entertains was two months in the writing and Ralph is delighted with the final product.

He commented: "I love this town and it has such a great entertainment history, I thought it was worthy of writing about."

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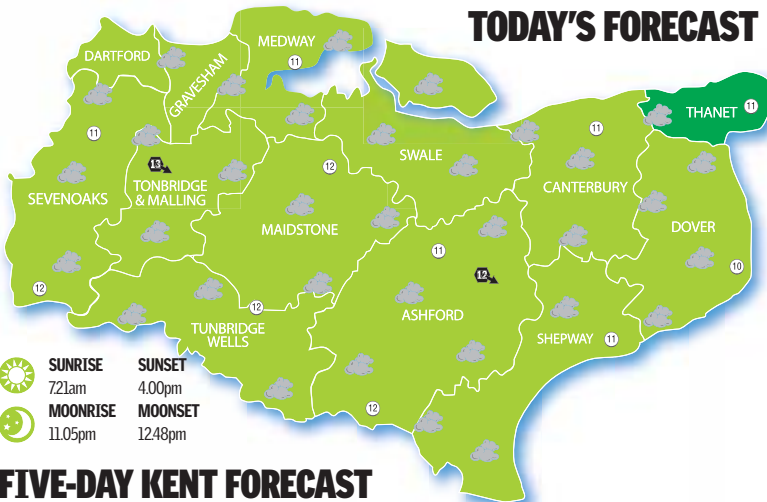
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	Sunday	6:20pm	5.6m
Dungeness	Saturday	4:24pm	6.3m
	Sunday	5:45pm	6.1m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:27pm	4.2m
	Sunday	6:50pm	4.2m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:12pm	5.2m
	Sunday	6:33am	5.0m
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## yourthanet NEWS IN BRIEF

### Geldof to ride into town for Christmas switch-on

SIR Bob Geldof turns on the Margate Christmas Lights on Saturday next week.

On November 29, the man behind Live Aid comes to the town to lead the annual switch-on, at about 5.45pm.

This year's lights have been organised and sponsored by the Margate Charter Trustees.

The Mayor of Margate, Cllr Brian Sullivan, said: "The whole event should be very exciting. We will be escorting Sir Bob into Margate from St Nicholas with the Goldwing Owners Club of Great Britain."

After the switch-on there will be fireworks.

A radio roadshow will take place at the Piazza on the Parade from about 3.30pm.

Mill Lane car park has free parking for the evening, from 5pm.

### Ladyman backs £372m Change4Life scheme

MP Dr Steve Ladyman is calling on local groups to sign up for an innovative campaign to help everyone in his constituency of Thanet South eat well, move more and live longer.

Health Secretary Alan Johnson announced the £372 million Change4Life scheme last week. It will see hundreds of charities, community groups and businesses joining together to try to tackle the national epidemic of obesity.

Now Dr Ladyman wants to see groups across Thanet South join the campaign.

He said: "I'm backing the scheme to make sure everyone in Thanet has a fair chance to live well and eat healthily. It will empower local people and communities with the information and the support to change their lives."

Change4Life is due to start in January 2009.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### DAVID GREEN



**Q** Who or what brings you to Thanet, David?

**A** I first came to Ramsgate when I was about eight, on holiday with my parents in a caravan at Pegwell. I remember the beach, fun-fair and seaside shows. Later on, about 1993, I was working in Oxfordshire and we started to visit friends in Ramsgate. I thought the town was very run-down. However, over the next five years or so we visited more frequently and I could see great changes starting to happen. Then, my work changed and I had to choose work in London or early retirement. I took the latter and we moved to Thanet.

**Q** Why did you enter local politics - and why the Labour Party?

**A** Being "of an age" in the 60s I was involved in the anti-Vietnam War movement and CND. I helped start a trade union in the Medical Research Council. I was impressed by Harold Wilson and the way he kept British troops out of the war despite pressure from the Americans. There weren't many potential Labour candidates in rural Oxfordshire, so most of us took our turn standing for elections. When I moved here I was pleased to be asked to be a candidate and to be elected.

**Q** What did you want to do when you were younger?

**A** I was always fascinated by science, so being a research scientist for 20 years for the Medical Research Council and publishing work in journals such as Nature and Science

was a dream come true. I also got to travel all over Europe to give lectures and training programmes. Eventually, my research became more computer-based than bench science, which led directly into my second career in computer network management.

**Q** As you grow older, do you find you become more moderate or conservative in your views?

**A** My son would probably say I am, but I don't think so. I'm still enraged by prejudice and unfairness and find myself in trouble through saying what I think.

**Q** You and your wife Liz are both councillors. Do you ever disagree on political matters?

**A** Not too often, fortunately. She is probably greener than I am, and better with people.

**Q** Who is your hero and inspiration?

**A** When I was younger, Bob Dylan, Joan Baez, Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Tony Benn. As I get older, I come to appreciate my parents more. They were decent, hard-working people who were content with the modest success they made.

**Q** If you had one wish for Thanet, what would it be?

**A** More of what the Government is already doing with Sure Start and improved education, so future generations are not handicapped by poor education as this one is.

**Q** Do you feel Thanet is a better or worse place under the current Conservative administration than the last Labour one?

**A** The last Labour administration did amazing things. When they took control, most seafronts and town centres were derelict, there was unemployment, and consumer spending was leeching out to Canterbury. The council was virtually bankrupt with staff on notice of redundancy. By the time the Conservatives took control, most of that had changed - Ramsgate was restored or being restored, the port and marina were modernised and thriving, Westwood Cross was a major employer and we had the new university and innovation centre.

The Conservatives have benefited from massive inward investment by the Labour government, and because of this many things have improved.

**Q** Has the current Conservative administration at either TDC or KCC contributed much to this?

**A** I don't think so. Certainly the facilities in Ramsgate have deteriorated. They have allowed the controls over Westwood Cross to lapse, causing serious problems in town centres. Council finances are in trouble again.

To be fair, the decision to reverse the privatisation of services imposed by Thatcher, and run waste collection and street-cleaning in-house was a good move.

It is a pity that the Conservatives won't invest in the service other than what they are forced to do to meet recycling targets.

The Labour councillor for the Eastcliff ward talks to **Tom Betts** about improvements and deterioration in the isle, what first got him into politics, and his one main wish for the future of the community

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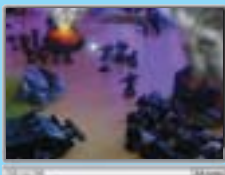




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# Don't be mourning on Christmas morning

## Police launch drink-driving campaign

A HEART-TUGGING campaign has been launched by road safety experts in a bid to crack down on deaths caused by drinking and driving.

And in a special roadshow which this week got under way touring the county, the message is being taken into the major shopping centres.

The campaign is centred on a Christmas tree display and is hoped to hit home as companies start staging festive parties and lunches in the run-up to the big day.

The tree bears a banner with the slogan "Christmas Mourning? Drinking and Driving Wrecks Lives" to remind motorists that the morning of the big day could take on a very different meaning.

### Imagery

The display also includes a lone unwrapped present among wrapping paper to represent those killed by drink-driving who will not be opening their gifts this year.

The campaign started in Maidstone town centre on Monday and arrived in Tunbridge Wells the following day.

It is due in Westwood Cross, Thanet, tomorrow (Wednesday) and Canterbury on Monday next week.

■ BY NICK AMES

Steve Horton, road safety team leader for Kent Highway Services, said: "Approximately 250 people in Kent were killed or seriously injured by drinking and driving in the last year."

"Drinking and driving wrecked their lives and the lives of those around them. We hope that by taking a Christmas tree out and about a little bit early, we'll get people's attention and get the message across before the festive season really begins."

The campaign will run until mid-January to capture New Year festivities, too, and includes bus-back advertising, billboards, posters, leaflets and a TV advert.

As part of the campaign, police will be carrying out roadside tests to check the co-ordination and spatial awareness of any drivers who they suspect have been drink-driving.

Motorists are also being asked to remember that they could still be over the legal limit the morning after drinking and if police are called to attend a crash, everyone involved will be automatically breathalysed.



MESSAGE: The Christmas tree will be spreading the word of not drinking and driving over the festive period



BUSY: There has been no change in traffic volume

## Business as usual for toll crossing

HOPES of cutting pollution levels in and around Dartford by introducing a 50 per cent increase on the crossing toll have yet to materialise.

The change in charges was introduced on Saturday night – dropping the charge altogether between the hours of 10pm and 6am, but increasing it during the day.

Cars must now pay £1.50 – up from £1 – with lorry charges increased, depending on size, to £2 or £3.70.

Kent Green Party officials had said they hoped the increase would lead to a reduction in traffic, as seen when the congestion charge was introduced in central London.

There were also concerns of traffic chaos, with fears of extra congestion as drivers tried to get through the tunnel or over the bridge before the free period ended.

But on Monday – the first business day under the new charge system – officials reported it was very much business, and volume, as usual.

A Highways Agency spokesman said: "There were no real problems brought about by the new charges."

"However, on Monday morning there was an accident on the bridge which led to tailbacks. This was nothing to do with the charges, which we thought we made people fully aware of by the amount of publicity we gave."

There was no reported increase or decrease in traffic levels, either over the weekend or in the morning rush-hour on Monday.

The AA also said it had received no concerns from drivers – despite last week saying the move could lead to "dangerous driving patterns" as motorists looked to avoid peak-time crossing.

"We haven't had any complaints," said a spokesman.

## Doctors to close early for training afternoon

GP surgeries across much of the east of the county will close early on Wednesday next week for staff training.

Surgeries in Swale, Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Deal, Shepway and Thanet will be closed from 1pm-6.30pm on November 26.

Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT) has organised a primary care

educational afternoon to provide an opportunity for protected learning time for staff in GP surgeries.

These afternoons provide the opportunity for GPs to attend lectures and discuss and debate current issues around NHS services. Practice staff also have the chance to use this time for training within the practice or to attend one of

the training sessions organised by the PCT.

Local out-of-hours services will provide cover for the surgeries, so anyone who needs to see a doctor urgently will still be able to do so.

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# We're making a clean break with the past

PUPILS have been learning about the importance of hand-washing to stop the spread of infection.

KOS Media's Clean, Safe and Healthy campaign, which has been raising awareness about superbugs, is now focusing its message about hand hygiene on the county's young people.

Launched in the wake of the Healthcare Commission's damning report into two outbreaks of Clostridium difficile in west Kent hospitals, the award-winning publisher has been working with the NHS to highlight how everyone has a role to play in the battle against killer bugs.

Pupils at Selsted Primary School, near Dover, have already been learning about how proper hand-washing can protect people from infectious diseases.

Headteacher Kevin Bailey said: "It is incredibly important for them to realise that without washing hands they are spreading germs, risking their own health and also their friends and those around them."

He said the 75 youngsters at the school, aged between five and 11, had been learning about basic hygiene as part of the Government's healthy schools initiative.

The school's small size and sense of community has helped spread the healthy lifestyle message and soon the children will be growing their own food in the grounds, he said.

"It is about health and hygiene, physical fitness and keeping your hands clean after the toilet, before and after eating and after playtime," Mr Bailey added.

Lucas Sotirion, Elizabeth Fraser, Jake Saxby



and Jessica Saxby, all aged ten, interviewed one of the school's cleaners about her job. All of them said they were shocked to find that the boys' toilets were cleaner than the girls. Lucas said: "I appreciate more what my mum and the cleaners do because it is quite a hard job."

Elizabeth told KOS Media how the dirtiest parts the school included chairs and tables. She added: "Keep where you live clean and it will prevent germs spreading to you and harming others."

Jessica said the girls' toilet needed to be looked after more. Her twin, Jake, added: "The computer room is very important place to clean, especially the keyboards because lots of hands touch them. We have learnt to wash our hands with soap and water so when we eat germs won't go into our mouths."

Isabel Woodroffe, assistant director of communications at NHS Eastern and Coastal Kent and a governor at the school, said it was never too early to learn the importance of good basic hygiene. "It is all part of growing up to be a healthy person," she said.

"Especially because the schools are doing

cookery classes now, they have to understand that they need to have clean hands. If it is ingrained at this age, it will stay with them for life."

When KOS Media visited the school last week, the primary care trust had brought along a UV light box so the children could see the dirt on their hands gleaming in the dark and watch how it disappeared after thorough hand-washing.

"We have done a lot of discussion work and activities such as making posters," Mr Bailey said.

Teacher Carol Thurman, who led the healthy schools status project, said the hand-hygiene message was drummed into the children when they did cookery lessons.

Examples of slogans from the brightly coloured posters made by the children include 'when we cook we wash our hands' and 'we always wash our hands'.

• If you would like hand hygiene posters for your school, college or university, email [keith.privett@kosmedia.co.uk](mailto:keith.privett@kosmedia.co.uk).



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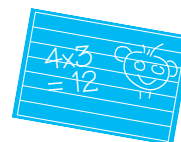
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**GENEROSITY:** Students at Ramsgate's Ellington School for Girls collected a selection of food to help feed the homeless

# Homeless will benefit from festival goods

HOMELESS people in Thanet will benefit from food donated by generous students at Ellington School for Girls in Ramsgate as part of their Harvest Festival celebrations.

Packets and tins have been gathered and boxed up for delivery to The Scrine Foundation in Cliftonville for distribution among the needy as part of the school's community outreach work.

Girls also created a dazzling floral display for the Harvest Festival celebrations at St Mark's Church in Ramsgate, with which the school is forging close links since it moved to the new campus at Newlands Lane off Pysons Road.

A pair of school shoes and a satchel are the unusual containers for the flowers – year 11's head girl Rhiannon Lunn and senior prefect Sammi-Jo Gammon each designed the display for a shoe, while science technician Lorraine Keeler created the design for the satchel.

The containers are planted out with colour-

■ BY TOM BETTS

ful flowers, including geraniums, roses and marigolds which were grown in the school's science courtyard garden. The display featured the famous Shakespeare quote from Twelfth Night.

Meanwhile, children at St Peter's junior school supported the Seeds For Africa charity during their Harvest Festival celebrations.

Families made a donation to the cause, which helps African families and communities by providing locally-sourced seeds, plants, agricultural equipment and advice.

A spokesman for Seeds For Africa said: "Much of our work is with primary school children, helping them to establish kitchen vegetable gardens and fruit-tree orchards."

"Our projects offer dignity and independence. By producing nutritious food in this way, secure, reliable food sources are assured for the future."

The Harvest Festival celebrations were held over two days in October at St Peter's Church.

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## BREAK TIME



## Five years celebrated with fun and games

ADULTS chatting, children playing, young people lending a hand and plenty of cake: just another fun-filled afternoon at Millmead Children's Centre.

The centre celebrated five years in its current building with a party and invited families past and present to mark the occasion. There were plenty of attractions, including party games, craft activities and a face-painter.

Children could also use the outside play area, and family entertainer Alan The Magic Man kept the younger ones amused with his mix of games, balloon models and contemporary magic.

Community worker Dianne Evans com-

mented on the important role of the centre: "It's about bringing the community together, making a difference to people's lives, fulfilling a need for the services available here and providing a friendly place in which to hold activities and groups."

Millmead Children's Centre manager Averil Schram said: "Today has been about celebrating the achievements of the centre itself and those people who have been involved over the past five years."

"It's been fantastic seeing families and centre staff enjoying themselves and having fun. The event's been a huge success and I would like to thank all those involved for their hard work."

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# yourthanetblogger

Tory councillor Simon Moores looks at the lack of response to antisocial behaviour in Westgate



## Low crime doesn't mean no crime, we still need policing

I WONDER whether members of the Westgate Residents Association had, in recent times, seen so many police officers squeezed into one place.

Last week it welcomed a constable, a PCSO, a sergeant and an inspector, all ready to field questions from an often hostile audience which felt the town had become a waypoint on the map between Birchington and Margate in simple community-policing terms.

To be honest, Westgate shares many of the same concerns as other parts of Thanet. People are unhappy with the steady background hum of low-intensity antisocial behaviour in their communities, mostly involving teenagers and cheap alcohol.

Several well-publicised areas of the island have problems with crime that are orders of magnitude higher than others and the police, with only limited resources, have to sensibly prioritise their efforts, but to many this can feel like neglect.

Last week, we heard in forceful terms from Mr Bell, the owner of an off-licence in Station

Road, that since Westgate had lost its police officer, PC Chris Bungard, to new duties at Millmead and its popular warden, Tony Bailey, to a new career, the modern urban curses of antisocial behaviour and under-age drinking were once again on the increase.

Incidents aren't being reported, said Mr Bell, simply because it was pointless to do so. It is commonly believed that the police, busy elsewhere in Thanet with more important matters, simply aren't able to respond.

I pointed out that on one occasion at the end of the summer I had called the police three times in regard to the same noisy, under-age party on the beach at Westgate.

The police, I was told, with their meagre resources committed to an incident in Ramsgate, were unable to respond at all.

From my perspective as a local councillor, that's not good enough.

We live in a democracy, or the remains of one, and in theory at least, the police should give appropriate weight to an attendance request from an elected representative of the community, even if this only means to give a 'drive-by' wave on the way to somewhere else.

We all pay our council taxes and explaining away a change in local policing on the basis that an area such as Westgate has a proportionally lower level of crime and antisocial behaviour than elsewhere fails to recognise the rights of all residents everywhere to receive an identical level of service.

That's the service described in the Government's so-called 'policing pledge', a shiny new promise to the population of a new and 'transformative' service level agreement from the police "at a local level to meet the needs of communities".

Our police do a great job with what they have and mostly with their hands tied with the red tape of Government interference.

If there's a gap between the Home Office statement below and what we see at a local level, then perhaps it's the politicians and not the police who we should call to account.

"It's important that neighbourhood policing is locally led. Engaging effectively with local people, and involving them in agreeing and tackling local policing priorities, are vital elements of the national neighbourhood policing programme."

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## TALK TIME

### JAMIE BALLARD

Jamie Ballard, 30, is a self-employed plumber who moved to Thanet two years ago from Berkshire



#### How long have you been a plumber and why did you get into it?

About seven years, since I was about 23 and I finished my training. My dad was a plumber and he made a decent living from it and encouraged me to go into it as well.

He said "People always need their pipes fixing" and he had a point. I never really thought too much about doing anything else, to be fair, and I'm happy it's what I decided to do with my life.

I moved to Thanet from Berkshire about two years ago, though, so have not been in the area all that long.

#### Have you found it difficult to establish yourself in a new area?

Yes, it was hard for the first year, but now I have some good regular customers and word seems to be spreading.

#### Has the credit crunch affected business?

Definitely... I would say there has been a slight drop-off in trade over the last month or so, certainly.

People are putting off some of the jobs they were going to get done and now I seem to be doing more jobs that are a necessity rather than upgrades and things like that.

It's hard, but I have been budgeting better and hopefully can navigate my way through it like everyone else.

I think if you prepare for the hard times well, then you can get through it, although I will have to watch the pennies from now on.

There seems to be a lot of worried people out there. It's something that everyone is talking about, and who can blame them?

## YOUR LETTERS

### Disabled are given a voice by forum

The prime aim of Thanet Disability Forum since its inception is to promote the issue of disability among Thanet residents, highlighting the difficulties they incur.

In their first year the forum challenged parking-bay issues and supported national campaigns for supermarket disabled-bay abuse.

Despite the official word of some supermarkets, the problem still remains locally.

Also, in an attempt for equality, officers have already joined local travel and police forums, as well as represented the disabled on the Turner Centre build.

Their insight is invaluable as they open the eyes of officials to daily occurrences in the hope progress brings forth equality.

In an effort to forge links with the younger generation one officer has been invited to join students at Hartsdown Technology College, providing hands-on experience of need to those studying for the society health and development diploma.

It was here that the deficit in information became apparent.

Where do you go for details about clubs and specific facilities for the disabled?

While equality should mean disabled people can join any group, the needs of many make this impossible.

At the Thanet Disability Forum AGM a suggestion was put forward to draw up a register of every local group which specialises in either support or fun activities for the disabled.

Schools usually provide after-hours clubs, but once you leave

education, what is there for you?

We are asking that any group providing activities or support for the disabled (regardless of age), contact Thanet Disability Forum to ensure knowledge of their facilities is relayed to those who need them.

Details are: PO BOX 455, Birchington CT7 9BT (phone 01843 295326; email editor:thanetdf@hotmail.co.uk; website www.thanetdf.org.uk).

Sylvie Nicholls  
by email

### Give charities your stamp of approval

I was wondering if any of readers feel like me.

I love Christmas but always feel that the purchase and cost of postage for Christmas cards is getting too expensive, especially as when the season is finished they all get put in the recycling bins in the large stores such as Tesco, for example.

I have estimated I spend about £150-£200 every year just to wish people – some of whom I see almost every week – 'a happy Christmas'.

So what about we all give that money direct to a charity of our choice? This thought came to me after watching a programme about the plight of horses in the credit crunch.

I shall be sending emails with my greetings this year.

A Marjerson  
by email

### A word of thanks for kind shoppers

The members of our two clubs – the Rotary and Inner Wheel Clubs of Ramsgate – recently joined forces to run a charity shop for a week in Queen Street, Ramsgate.

We're writing to express our sincere thanks to all the Ramsgate residents and visitors who gave our shop such wonderful support and to let everyone know that the magnificent sum of £2,091 was raised, which despite these difficult economic times is the most we've ever raised at such a shop.

Those very kind and generous members of the public may rest assured that every single penny will be donated to charities and good causes, many of them local.

We'd also like to thank our clubs' members who donated goods and/or worked so hard running the shop, particularly Derek and Bernice Brown, who, as well as doing those things, also organised everything.

David Blackwell, president of the Rotary Club of Ramsgate, and Patricia Fletcher, president of the Inner Wheel Club of Ramsgate

### Rethinking of plans is plane and simple

The current recession is reducing flying, and the aviation industry, like others, is clearly in difficulties.

But the Government has not called a halt to airport expansion, despite the fact this conflicts directly with its own policies on climate change.

I have written to all of Kent's MPs urging them to support Early Day Motion 344 in Parliament, urging them to sign EDM 344(1) asking the Government to rethink its plans for a third runway at Heathrow airport.

This has become urgent in the light of the need to reduce CO2 emissions, air and noise pollution. The EDM also asks the Government to examine the possibility of high-speed rail as an alternative to all domestic flights.

I am also asking them if they feel that these issues, together with the current downturn in the air passenger industry, mean that additional capacity at Rochester, Manston or Lydd – or an airport in the Thames estuary as proposed by Mayor of London Boris Johnson – are now also redundant.

Kent Green Party believe the county's airports should become leisure facilities to improve domestic tourism opportunities here.

Dr Hazel Dawe  
Kent Green Party

### O'Donnell insulting voters' intelligence

I would like to respond to the letter in last week's Yourthanet from the leader of the Ramsgate First party, Gerry O'Donnell.

As an undecided voter and one of the people that Mr O'Donnell defensively accused in his letter of campaigning against his party, I would like to express how impressed I am by Mr O'Donnell's ability to completely ignore the extremely important issue that I raised in a previous letter to the press regarding the Electoral Commission, the body that regulates the registration and finances of political parties.

In my letter, I pointed out that, despite being on the commission's register of political parties, the Ramsgate First party claims on its website to be a non-party-political organisation.

I wish to make it clear that I did not bring this issue up to trade political points against Mr O'Donnell or his political party.

If I wanted to do that, I could have waited until the election.

I brought up the issue because it seems that the intelligence of the electorate has been insulted.

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who appears to believe that it is acceptable to state on a website that a registered political party is a non-party-political organisation?

Most importantly, I believe that it is the right of paid-up members of such an organisation to be totally aware of its party-political status.

Mrs PL Bennett  
Ramsgate

## How much to put Ramsgate first?

In his letter to Yourthanet last week, Gerry O'Donnell, the man who apparently puts Ramsgate first, had some very unpleasant things to say about one of the two councillors that represent the Ramsgate ward of Cliffsend and Pegwell.

I have read Mr O'Donnell's party-political manifesto and it seems that he doesn't have any plans for Nethercourt.

In fact, there is very little in his manifesto about any part of Ramsgate other than the party he himself hopes to represent.

It does say that he wants to employ an entrepreneur to head up the Town Centre Partnership, which begs the question: surely a prospective parliamentary candidate such as Mr O'Donnell has what it takes to do that job himself, rather than waste thousands of pounds of taxpayers' money on a so-called expert?

He also wants to reopen the public toilets in Boundary Road.

However, local Labour councillor Mike Harrison tells us on his Newington blog that these toilets are made from asbestos.

Cllr Harrison, who has years of experience serving the interests of

Ramsgate, also says on his blog: "What has been overlooked in the euphoria about getting a parish (town) council is that the figures quoted are for RUNNING COSTS, not for money that is to be spent on doing things for the town."

"Mr O'Donnell is happily spending taxpayers' money, but has yet to get elected and is very careful not to commit to how much he plans to actually spend and so reveal the real cost to Ramsgate taxpayers."

Kevin Lewis  
Ramsgate

## Knee-jerk policies are affecting us all

Max Moseley's victory bodes ill for anyone suffering defamation not rich enough to go to court.

Millions of us are struggling to meet rising costs – we do not have the luxury of tax-breaks, incentives or easy profit.

Barack Obama made it simple. He believes in talking and thinking hard, not inflicting war using lies and expediency. He has promised tax cuts to poor and middle-class families, understanding that they are the biggest losers in George W Bush's war of attrition.

I am sickened by the 'might is right' camp: target-driven, senseless knee-jerk policies, unjust rules and regulations emanating from a paranoid government whose warped derring-do inevitably brings economic disaster through globalised mismanagement.

Through no fault of ours, the value of our earnings and savings has diminished, leaving us worse off than ever in my lifetime.

Government is robbing us of personal autonomy and independence by its incessant demand for us to pay its bills, even if that means we cannot look after ourselves.

Worklessness is not the answer, yet that is what is happening. Free up cash for us by forcing Government administration to work a two-day week and give up privileges and expense claims – thus the cash-guzzlers could be curbed and the real economy would get a chance.

Rita Grootendorst  
by email

## LibDem way off the mark with Gordon

I would like to respond to the letter in last week's Yourthanet from Bill Furness, one of the isle's unelected Liberal Democrats.

In his letter he told us about what he sees as the underlying problems of British society.

I know the Liberal Democrats seem to prefer the European Union over the British way of life, but I feel that Mr Furness could be a bit more positive about his own country.

He says that "Gordon Brown's leadership has not brought the social benefits that many in his party and the country were led to expect".

That comment is totally out of order. Mr Brown is more of a true socialist than Tony Blair ever was.

As for the pro-EU Liberal Democrats, I could no more vote for them than I could for the pro-private-enterprise Tories.

Bob Healy  
Westgate-on-Sea

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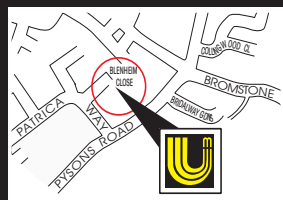
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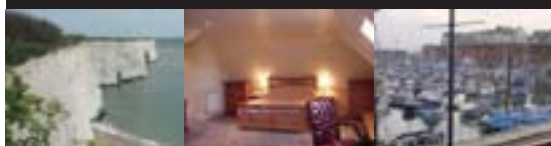
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# Bare naked comedy fun

## Performance is a dramatically good disaster

**MISSED** cues, fumbled lines and annoying props plague the flustered cast in acclaimed comedy Noises Off.

Michael Frayn's hit show features a play within a play, as a beleaguered theatre company struggles to pull its latest production together. Described by many as one of the funniest comedies ever written, Noises Off promises to be a comic romp with breathless entertainment from beginning to end.

The cast includes Maggie Steed, star of TV series Shine On Harvey Moon and Pie In The Sky, former Dr Who Colin Baker and Ben Hull, who played Lewis in teen soap Hollyoaks.

The actors are really put through their paces as they pack in all the action and laughter in not one play, but two. Making their exit from one production straight into another, they keep the laughs coming at relentless speed. With the action tak-

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ing place both onstage and off, there is non-stop chaos taking place wherever the audience looks.

The title refers to noises which originate from off-stage and the inspiration for the play hit Frayn when he was watching a comedy from the wings. In 1982 he wrote Noises Off and it became an immediate hit, reaping numerous award nominations and accolades.

It is the winner of both Tony and Olivier Awards for Best Comedy and enjoyed a successful revival at London's National Theatre in 2000.

Noises Off is played out over three acts, telling the story of a theatre company trying to stage a dire British sex comedy called Nothing On. Each act of Noises Off features a different version of the first act of Nothing On, beginning with the dress rehearsal. The night before the

show's grand opening, the cast are still making mistakes, props are causing problems and things are generally looking poor.

A month later the company is now on tour and relationships between the cast have deteriorated, resulting in bedlam both in front of the scenery and backstage. The second act focuses on the chaotic antics going on backstage while the actors struggle to hold Nothing On together.

The third act is set near the end of the tour, its cast now completely fed up with the production and each other. Continuing to bungle their performances, the actors try to cover up their errors but instead drag the quality of the show down further.

With lots of slapstick comedy, a breakneck pace and subtle differences between the three versions of Nothing On's first act, Noises Off is a hilarious depiction of a show gone disastrously wrong.

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The fun starts in the morning when Santa Claus and a colourful parade of characters set off from TK Maxx at 11.30am.

He will be joined by characters from the Dickens Festival, Margate Operatic Society's Babes in the Wood and the cheeky Hooden Horses. The parade will make their way to the Christmas Grotto which is being created by the design team at Debenhams.

Following the official open-



ing of the Grotto at noon, there will be a sing-along of carol favourites at 12.30pm and collections will be made for the NSPCC.

Children's TV presenter Stephen Mulhern and other

cast members from the Marlowe Theatre's pantomime, Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, will switch on the Westwood Cross Christmas lights display between 4.15pm and 4.30pm.

## THINK NO EVIL OF US - MY LIFE WITH KENNETH WILLIAMS

Sunday, November 23  
Sarah Thorne Theatre Club, Broadstairs

AN ACTOR'S connection to one of Britain's best-loved comedy performers is explored in an extraordinary one-man show.

Think No Evil Of Us - My Life With Kenneth Williams is performed by David Benson, who takes the audience on a thrilling and hilarious tour de force. His uncanny impersonation of the comic actor was heard on BBC Radio 4's The Private World of Kenneth Williams.

The semi-autobiographical show reveals how David's unusual childhood led to a remarkable connection with the Carry On star, who died in 1988.

This was Benson's first show and he picked up a Fringe First award at the Edinburgh Festival in 1996. There he was spotted by a production company, leading to the show being staged in London's West End and touring the country. The enduringly popular show returned for a 10th anniversary tour in 2006 and continued to captivate audiences.

The performance starts at 5pm and tickets cost £10 for club members or £12 for non-members. To book call 0845 262 6263.



## OH, WHISTLE...

Friday, November 21  
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Oh, Whistle... and I'll Come To You, My Lad tell the story of a professor who arrives on the Suffolk coast for a short break.

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In The Ash Tree, Sir



Richard, the new Squire of Castringham, arrives at his inherited residence and prepares for his forthcoming wedding. When he plans to move a grave in the church so a new family pew can be installed, he resurrects a ter-

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## THANET LEISURE

### Double the display as artist exhibits twice

THE work of local artist Anita Adams can be admired in two exhibitions.

Her watercolour and pastel paintings are on display at Broadstairs Library, where they can be seen until the New Year. From Monday Anita's work can also be seen at Cliftonville Library, until December 20.

Anita is looking forward to welcoming old friends and other artists who would like to see her work. All her paintings are original and can be collected in time for Christmas.

### Test your grey matter and raise charity cash

TEST your knowledge and enjoy an evening in good company at a charity quiz event next week.

The quiz evening is being held by Cllr Kay Dark, Mayor of Ramsgate, at the Council Chamber in Albion House, Ramsgate, on Friday, November 28. Tickets cost £7 including a ploughman's supper. Bring your own drinks.

The event starts at 7pm for 7.30pm. For more information call 01843 591142.

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He said: "Every so often patients are seen who tried over the counter home bleaching kits but couldn't achieve the results.



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Other treatments include Botox and collagen fillers, which relax the skin and cause facial lines to soften.

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## Enjoy a discount at event

### ■ Sheer Indulgence

THIS salon in Margate is one of the most popular new businesses to open in the town and is planning a big night on Friday, November 28.

From 7pm, customers will have the chance to win luxury treatments, while booking on the night will get a 10 per cent discount.

Owner Angie and masseuse Sam will also be on hand to have a chat and discuss what they have to offer.

The salon has been operating for around five months and treatments include waxing, facials, pedicures, manicures, eye treatments, eyelash tints, body scrubs, back treatments and sunbeds.

A full body massage is also available from expert Sam and special offers change every month.

Word of mouth is one of the ways a business can measure its success and the buzz going around Thanet is that this is the place for those who want to look and feel their best.

The salon is open 10 am to 2pm on Mondays, from 10am to 5pm from Tuesdays to Fridays and from 9am to 3pm on Saturdays.



Among the offers are body exfoliation, manicure, pedicure and a facial for a total of £47.

Bookings are now being taken for Christmas for those who want to be at their best for the parties and merry-making.

### TOP TIPS

#### Dalby Dental

If you are missing a single tooth, the placement of an implant may be the best choice for you. Crown and bridge therapy requires healthy teeth on each side of the missing tooth to be ground down to serve as support for the bridge. Replacing the missing tooth with an implant leaves remaining teeth untouched. A single tooth implant will restore the natural appearance to your smile and preserve vital bone structure where the missing tooth root once was.

#### Sheer Indulgence

If you suffer with dry cuticles, try rubbing a little olive oil on them and massage it in to soften them. Cleanse, tone and moisturise at least twice a day and exfoliate twice a week to remove dead skin, improving the appearance of your face.

#### Comfort Inn

Exfoliate regularly to maximise all your other products' effectiveness. The same goes for your face as well as your body. Twice a week for dry skin, once a week for greasy skin.

#### Style Icon

Only use a small amount of eye cream to stop them over-puffing. The recommended amount is the size of a grain of rice between two eyes – overdoing it can cause bags.

#### Thanet College

Always wear lip protector and ensure you use the correct moisturiser. If you get chapped skin, try applying vaseline before going to bed and exfoliate, so your moisturiser has the chance to work.

#### Laurel House Dental Clinic

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Emma Batt, from the college, said: "We offer flexible quality training for all ages and backgrounds – we even offer courses in the heart of your community, bringing education to your doorstep."

"Thanet College offers further education at its best. Whether you've just left school and are looking to continue your education, or if you want to gain new skills to get that well-earned promotion and pay rise, then Thanet College is the place for you."

"At Thanet College our aim is to ensure our students succeed. Our success rates are high, with most students achieving the grades to go on to employment, further college courses, or higher education."

The college offers part- and full-time courses in hairdressing, beauty and holistic therapies.

The commercially-run Trilogy Salon enables



students to train in a working environment, with real clients, giving the practical experience needed.

Career opportunities in this industry are on the increase and, once trained, you will find working opportunities increase enormously.

Courses are available from entry level one, through to level three, and extra day courses are run from time to time. Along with the full-time courses, there are also part-time courses.

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Kartell is an Italian plastics company whose collection includes iconic designs from luminaries such as Philippe Starck and Ron Arad. The collection includes the iconic Ghost chairs, as well as lighting and a range of home accessories.

Founder-owner Jo Cannon said: "I am delighted Found is able to offer the Kartell collection. Kartell is notoriously selective about who is chosen to stock its designs and it is great news for Broadstairs and for our customers."

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**BRITANNIA HIGH**  
ITV1, 7pm, Sunday  
**HOLE IN THE WALL**  
BBC One, 5.35pm, Saturday

■ BY TOM BETTS

**BRITANNIA High** is open for showbusiness – hold on to your wallets.

The inevitable British answer to the High School Musical phenomenon has arrived and has gobbled up every page of the original's instruction manual, spewing it right back up on ITV1 on a Sunday evening.

For those who don't know, HSM is the Disney money-making machine that has enthralled a generation of so-called Tweenies and driven their mums and dads to distraction.

It's a merchandising man's dream, with corny pop songs and dance routines to match, and is no doubt hard to escape if your kids are fans.

Believe me, I know some of those said parents, and they regard stars Vanessa Hudgens and Zach Efron, occupant of a million pink bedroom walls, as devils incarnate, such has been the impact on their bank accounts.

While this is less glossy than its American counterpart, all the key elements are here: the well-groomed kids, the stage-school pretension and the "we can do anything" attitude that seeps from every pore of this over-produced bombast.

I'm probably far too old and cynical to judge whether this does what is intended, so perhaps for a more considered answer go and ask a 10-year-old instead.

BBC One's **Hole in the Wall**, however, is unlikely to split opinion.

This is truly, truly appalling television, but the kind of pointless trash that is becoming a cult hit, so astounded are viewers that the Beeb dared



**FOOT-LOOSE:** Britannia High has jumped on the bandwagon created by High School Musical

make something so preposterous. I'd have to watch this from behind the sofa if I hadn't already decamped to the shed, where I still feel embarrassed.

As if anyone wanted to see Vanessa Feltz or Nancy Lam in skin-tight silver lycra jumpsuits (and my, these really are skin-tight).

Basically this mush involves the contestants trying to avoid being toppled into a pool of water by mimicking the shape of a hole in the wall as it approaches them, all in the name of 'charadee', of course.

Match the shape and blushes are spared as the wall passes over. Don't, and it's an early bath and the indignity of a while still in the silver get-up.

Every Z-list celeb you expect to see clamouring for a bit of exposure has popped up thus far.

Christine and Neil Hamilton, Nancy Lam and contestants from The Apprentice have all hit the chlorine.

Even host Dale Winton looks embarrassed, and that's saying something – he hosted Pets Win Prizes.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)

**YOU'RE** more determined than ever to overcome rivals and obstacles. An unexpected windfall gives you the money you need to launch your own business. Trust your intuition when it comes to talking with the people you come into contact with and don't try to impose your views.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)

**YOUR** sex drive is at an all-time high. For the past few weeks, you've been focused on what your partner needs. Now you're getting in touch with your own desires. If you are single, this would be a good time to update your image. Do your best to highlight your best features.

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**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)

**YOU'RE** a gambler at heart, and that's very true this week. Fortunately, most of your risks will pay off, particularly regarding romance and finance. Buying a single lottery ticket could put some extra money in your pocket, too. Spend the cash on a luxury you've yearned for.

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**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)

**IF** you're given a choice between earning a flat salary and getting a commission, go for the regular pay. Having a steady weekly or monthly income will keep your head above water during difficult economic times. It's wise to put a percentage of your pay into savings.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)

**THE** competition is fierce at work, so you'll have to step your efforts up a gear. Your unique style attracts lots of favourable attention. You may even be asked to demonstrate your techniques to colleagues. At home you may have to help a relative make an important decision.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)

**JUST** when you're ready to throw in the towel, someone comes to your rescue. A business contact, lover, or close friend is determined to drag you across the finish line. You've worked hard recently; it would be a shame to give up now, when you're on the brink of a breakthrough.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)

**RENOVATIONS** to your home are likely. Although you hate having your household turned upside down, the sacrifice will be worth it in the end. If you've got too much furniture go through everything methodically and get some professional valuations.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)

**YOU'RE** bursting with vim and vigour. Getting plenty of exercise will stop you feeling restless. An unexpected turn of events on the home front gives you a lift. It looks like you'll be able to afford your own place. Alternatively, you'll be offered a job that lets you work from home.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)

**ISSUES** like religion, education, and philosophy will take up the lion's share of your time this week. Maybe you'll be helping a child think things through or working with a community leader to improve your neighbourhood. Whatever the situation, people will look to you for guidance.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)

**WORKAHOLIC** tendencies will be in full force this week. It's hard to tear yourself away from an engrossing project. It looks as though you're finally able to put your expert knowledge to work. An enthusiastic mentor will be intrigued by the effort and energy you are putting in.

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**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)

**YOU'RE** always able to motivate people with a few well chosen words. If your colleagues are engaged in a bitter feud or your relatives are on the verge of civil war, step in now. Separate the two sides and speak to them individually. Your ability to listen and advise will earn respect.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)

**WORKING** with a large bureaucracy could be quite taxing, but if you stick to your guns you emerge triumphant. Keep track of all your spending as you may be billed twice for the same item. It's also important to sort out any conflicting advice you are given.

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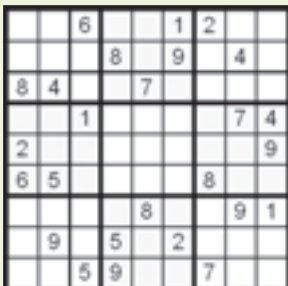
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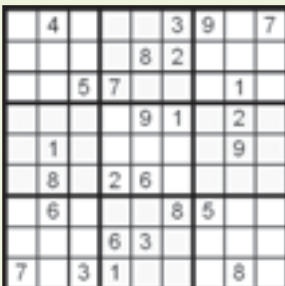
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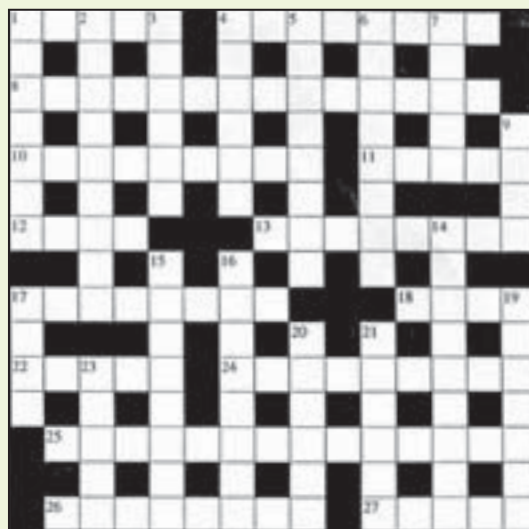
#### ACROSS

- 1 Guard to be on the alert (5)
- 4 Maim with cosh damaging masculine pride (8)
- 8 Applying to everyone over the table (6-3-5)
- 10 Penny and I went round town hesitantly for radioactive element (9)
- 11 & 22 German having nothing but struggle in boxing-match (5-5)
- 12 Regretting endless downfall (4)
- 13 Italian, NE native perhaps (8)
- 17 Condemn unheard before arbitrator (8)
- 18 Man receiving record aid (4)
- 22 See 11
- 24 Chief couple to be spliced? (9)
- 25 No relief when driver's on leave (7,7)
- 26 Censure re a porch collapsing (8)
- 27 Cut off ragged strip (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Said musician has cover (7)
- 2 Quite sour sort of colour (9)
- 3 Youth leader shops round about for medicinal plant (6)
- 4 Mould, not shining, ready initially before nine (6)
- 5 Top of the milk drink, rich fare (5,3)
- 6 Even dull colour (4-4)
- 7 Lady having many a ship! (5)
- 9 Penetrating knee injury (4)
- 14 You hear I slander one from Reykjavik (9)
- 15 Cool person one has dealings with? (8)
- 16 First person with illness suffering morbid self-confidence (8)
- 17 Swell rising up very loudly (4)
- 19 Topsy bird looked on (3-4)
- 20 The last Henry's position (6)
- 21 Dagger-sign order left with us (6)
- 23 Stare while going round the bend getting dressing (5)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Two-faced god (5)
- 4 Fellow sailor (8)
- 8 Act in desperation (6,2,6)
- 10 Very loud (9)
- 11 Forefinger (5)
- 12 Pay (4)
- 13 Obsession (8)
- 17 Camera accessory (8)
- 18 First wife of Jacob (OT) (4)
- 22 Metal pin (5)
- 24 Large church (9)
- 25 Baggy breeches (14)
- 26 Novice (8)
- 27 Verse (5)

#### DOWN

- 1 Grey-necked bird (7)
- 2 Lure again (anag.) (9)
- 3 Bag (6)
- 4 Ozone (3-3)
- 5 Emblems of rank (8)
- 6 Almond paste (8)
- 7 Pulled along (5)
- 9 Bovine animals (4)
- 14 Drunkenness (9)
- 15 Male redstart (8)
- 16 Practice of a charlatan (8)
- 17 Class (4)
- 19 RC bishopric of Rome (4,3)
- 20 Farm building (6)
- 21 Swordsman (6)
- 23 Meeting-place (5)

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Stable 22 Fence 23 Verne. 16 Quackery 17 Form 19 Holy See 20 Toward 9 Oxen 14 Inebriety 15 Whitecap 3 Sacket 4 Sea-air 5 Insignia 6 Marzipan 27 Rhyme. DOWN: 1 Jackdaw 2 Neophyte 25 Knickerbockers 26 Neophyte 17 Flashing 18 Leah 22 River 24 Straws 10 Deafening 11 Index 12 Wage 13

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## Over-indulge in high seas fun

■ BY LIAM CREEDON

MY normal holiday routine involves over indulging on local cuisine to such an extent I have to grease the doors when I get home to move around my flat, but this trip with water sports specialist Sunsail was rather different.

A small group of us, none of whom had stepped foot on a yacht before, had been tasked with turning from sailing 'zeros to heroes' in under a week.

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We stayed in Vounaki, which boasts all the usual restaurants, pools, sports facilities and entertainment for kids and adults alike. Its elevated position provides a wondrous nightly spectacle as the sun sets slowly behind the jagged peaks of Lefkas Island across the bay.

The work is physically demanding. There is a lot of pulling and hauling. We all boasted blisters and sunburn, but both crews were quietly confident as excellent instructors hammered into us exactly what had to be done.

Then on our final day of training we woke to screaming winds and a gun-metal sky.



**SAIL AWAY:** Learning to sail makes an unusual change

Everything had changed. Normally placid waters now tossed and shook in ragged vengeance. Surely, conditions would be too severe to sail? Not a chance. Under Greek law you cannot sail in a force six sea — this was only force five.

We began to feel nervous as we set sail. Out of the harbour the sea lurched and surged at the boat, drenching us with freezing run-off. Huge gaps would tear open in the water leav-

ing the yacht to slide sickeningly into the void.

Everyone donned lifejackets. Some tied themselves to the yacht with safety harnesses. A crackling radio message came through — as conditions had hit force six, all boats must return to the harbour. Then the engine cut out.

Our skipper told us these were the worst conditions experienced for a year, and totally out of character for the area. Then, harnessed to the deck, he strode calmly out across the front of the yacht and raised the front sail. "We'll sail back in, it's no problem," he said.

The boat suddenly leapt into life, we twisted around and shot back in the direction of the harbour. Our skipper, a professional sailor, was in his element. The conditions offered him the chance to do some proper sailing at last.

Scrambling back on shore, I felt slightly ashamed. I had the dawning realisation the conditions hadn't been half as dangerous as I'd thought. I also realised I couldn't stop smiling — it was the best fun I'd had in years.

Next morning the sea was once again a vast, azure carpet. Our skipper took us south, passing marjoram and pine-scented islands — the tadpole shaped Meganisi, and the secretive Scorpis, owned by the Onassis family — then on toward Kefalonia, where we were to spend the night.

The following morning we were sailing on a gentle breeze, and it felt terrific.

It was with some reluctance that we stepped back on land for the final time. It could have been the Greek brandy, but as we shared our exploits later that night, I couldn't help but notice that everyone was firmly clutching hold of the bar, and gently swaying.

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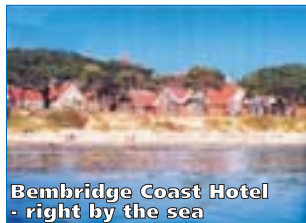
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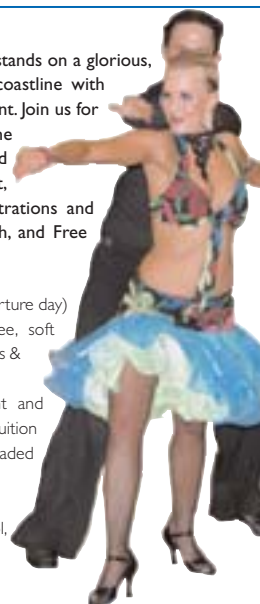
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# Pride in a challenge

BY SHEREEN LOW

EDWARD Norton is well-known for his thought-provoking roles.

He's played a reformed neo-Nazi in American History X; a leper king in Kingdom Of Heaven – and the famous green giant known as the Incredible Hulk. Oh, and let's not forget his turn as a singing purple rhinoceros in 2002's Death To Smoochy.

"I guess it's fair to say every actor likes the idea of complexity in a character," Edward explains when asked about his career choices.

"I think we're all trying to find something meaty to work with, or frankly, something that is hard. You get into this [acting] because you want to pin down things that are complicated or hard about people."

The 39-year-old's next role sees him playing Ray Tierney, a New York policeman, in *Pride And Glory*. Edward co-produced the film, which also stars Colin Farrell.

"You learn more about him [Ray] from the things other people say about him than the things he says for a long time, and it's just very mysterious," he explains.

"I found myself reading and wondering what the deal was with him. That's unusual in a script because a lot of times, people make sure you understand the character. To leave a lot of empty space in a character was kind of interesting on a writing level because you end up reading it. That was a particular thing that interested me with this one."

As he questions the morals of those around him, Ray has to decide where his loyalties lie – with his family, or with the institution. Edward says he thinks



COP: Edward Norton's fans know how deeply he gets involved with his characters

this gives the film particular relevance.

"I looked at it and I thought, this has questions in it," he reveals. "This is questioning dynamics our whole country is going through right now and maybe that makes it special to our moment. It's fun

to play cops and robbers, but I started to have a special interest in it when I thought this could actually be something that's reflecting the moment we're going through in terms of what the US as a culture is going through, its own sense of the ethics."

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"The more I looked at the script and looked around at what was going on, the more I felt like it was starting to have an extra resonance for me because on some levels, it's about the difficulty of speaking truth to power and the tensions between our loyalties to the people who do this service for us and the need to hold them to a higher standard in terms of the principles."

"And so, all of a sudden, this cop drama had the potential to resonate on things going on in the zeitgeist. That's something that always makes me happy."

While he's used to roles that take him out of his comfort zone, he says it was a challenge to play a cop.

"We've always made heroes out of guys who put the badge on, and the insulation between chaos and everybody else," he says.

The Oscar-nominated actor is also renowned for work behind the camera. He made his directorial debut in 2000's *Keeping The Faith*, and is set to direct upcoming film *Motherless Brooklyn*, as well as an untitled documentary about Barack Obama.



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**Cleaning up your act in the kitchen could help make you more energy efficient, according to professional oven-valeters Ovenu.**

Making homes more energy efficient remains a key focus for the Government, and is at the heart of its recently unveiled fuel measures package. With soaring fuel prices and environmental issues still top of the agenda, taking steps to increase energy efficient in the home is one way to try and reduce individual expenditure.

Peter Wetzel from Dover & Thanet Ovenu, said: "There are many ways to make a home run more efficiently and some small, easy steps you can take. A good place to start is by looking at the kitchen.

"At the heart of any kitchen is the oven. In my experience when an oven has become dirty and encrusted with debris, it can start to run less efficiently.

"Many internal oven parts are designed to reflect and refract heat and these areas are likely to be hidden away behind the rear panel around the main heating element. Keeping these areas clean can help the oven maintain its efficiency as areas covered in grease, fat or even carbon can start to absorb heat and that will increase running costs.

"By keeping your oven clean and regularly serviced you also help prolong its life, as you shouldn't need to replace it as often, which equally is of benefit to the environment."



### Peter's Top Tips for Oven Energy Efficiency

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**ACCELERATED JOURNEY:** At just 34, Graham Kinnear was the youngest nominee in the running for The Life Time Achievement Award

## Graham makes fine impression

ESTATE agent Graham Kinnear has been shortlisted for one of the property industry's most prestigious awards.

Mr Kinnear, of Milton Ashbury Property Agents, was shortlisted by a panel of 12 of the industry's most respected and accomplished professionals for The Life Time Achievement Award 2008.

The award is for estate agents who during their lifetimes have made contributions of outstanding significance to the profession.

The awards took place on Tuesday last week at the Hilton Hotel, Park Lane, London, and were hosted by impressionist Rory Bremner.

More than 185 entries were received from estate agents throughout Britain, and the awards are known as the premier estate agency awards scheme in the UK.

Mr Kinnear was nominated in light of his "accelerated journey to the top" and his "wealth of knowledge and experience".

At just 34 he was the youngest nominee but was pipped to the post by the chairman of the Countrywide group, which boasts 1,083 offices and more than 10,000 staff.

Speaking after the ceremony, Mr Kinnear said: "It was an honour to be nominated for such a big award, it was very unexpected."

# Report reveals a few home truths

## Federation plea for greater provision of social housing

■ BY NICK AMES

HOUSE prices have fallen an average of more than five per cent locally in the last year – but it is still as hard as ever for people to get on to the housing ladder, according to new research from the National Housing Federation.

The credit crunch effect on mortgage availability means price falls are having no impact in making homes more accessible, the study revealed.

A report entitled South East Home Truths: Why the Need for Social Housing is Increasing has been launched by the federation at the House of Commons.

It shows that poor housing supply, affordability problems, and mortgage arrears and repossessions are pushing more people towards social housing for help.

The statistics in the report give a complete picture of housing issues in the area.

The research shows only 70 per cent of the social homes needed are being built in the South East, while waiting lists have grown more than 60 per cent in five years and overcrowding is on the increase.

It also reveals over 200,000 households in the region are now on a waiting list for more suitable housing – affecting close to half a million people.

House-building by private developers fell 22 per cent between June 2007 and June 2008.

The Government believes the South East needs to build 33,125 new homes a year and the South East Regional Assembly has said social housing should account for 35 per cent



**STILL CRUNCHED:** Young buyers are a rare occurrence as mortgage availability means housing is not affordable

of all new homes; around 11,600 a year.

But Government funding only supported the delivery of 8,200 social homes last year.

Simon Nunn, head of south region for the federation, said: "The South East is perceived as affluent and the place to be, yet look under the veneer and you'll find areas of real poverty and deprivation in the region's cities and in some rural areas.

"We need more homes now. One in every 17 households in the South East is now on a waiting list for a social home.

"With unemployment rising and more families and older people moving towards the

poverty line, a new spike in social housing demand looks inevitable.

"Housing associations can't deliver the homes the region needs without a good borrowing stream from lenders and more support from the Government.

"The economy of the South East is key to the well-being and growth of the country as a whole.

"It's vital we maintain the strong progress housing associations have made in delivering new social homes in recent years, and that we help people get through this tough economic time in the best shape possible."

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## MOTORS NEWS



### Zero-emission fuel cell Honda hits the streets

HONDA has announced that the first customers have taken delivery of its much hyped FCX Clarity – the firm's zero emission fuel cell-powered car.

Initially up to 200 customers will begin leasing the car in the United States and Japan over the next three years, with the first few recipients from California.

Film director Ron Yerxa was the first customer to get the keys to an FCX Clarity, followed by actress Jamie Lee Curtis (pictured) and her husband, Christopher Guest.

The FCX Clarity is Honda's next generation, hydrogen-powered fuel cell vehicle.

The car's only emissions are heat and water and its fuel efficiency is three times that of a modern petrol engine.



### Shared trips are 'driving couples round the bend'

COUPLES planning a leisurely car trip together are likely to find that it ends in tears, it has been revealed.

Over three-quarters of them have stopped talking thanks to an in-car row over getting lost.

This and disagreeing about directions are the most common reasons for couples arguing in the car when they're supposed to be getting away from it all.

A third of people confess to getting lost on the roads at some time or another, and 61 per cent of British couples admit to having a bust-up because of winding up at the wrong destination or differences of opinion about which route to take – possibly because 59 per cent of drivers don't own electronic route planners.

The gender divide is alive and well on the road too.

Men will wait on average 10 minutes 43 seconds before getting help if they're lost, while women – traditionally less shy about asking for directions – will wait a longer 12 minutes 36 seconds, according to the research by Vodafone.



**A LITTLE GEM:** VW's Fox first arrived back in 2006, taking over from the Lupo. It is produced at the company's Brazilian plant, hence the economical price of only £6,600.

# A Brazilian Volkswagon that'll drive its rivals nuts

WE won't claim VW roared back to the city car sector with the Fox – little cars just don't make that much fuss.

But this little three-door's arrival in 2006 showed how the German giant still saw a point to the baby car sector it abandoned with the demise of the Lupo the year before – now we all get the point as the UK rushes to downsize and cut driving costs.

With prices starting at £6,600, the Fox is also well placed to satisfy that trend – the even smaller Lupo was nudging £8,000 when it got the chop.

This cost-cutting feat was achieved by VW sourcing the newcomer from its tried and tested Brazilian production operation, creating a roomy high-roof design that really can seat four and wears the brand's more premium badge on the front.

At 3.83 metres, the newcomer was 30cms longer than the Lupo yet around 90cms shorter than VW's rather dearer Polo supermini.

But VW squeezed the budget hard to enable the Fox compete in a tight arena and it shows

## ROAD TEST VW FOX

BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

most in the interior where the plastics simply do not match VW's normally high standards.

Nevertheless, they are competitive with this end of the market and it is hard to see anywhere else where the Brazilian import lets the side down.

The car drives well with a crisp gearshift, good grip and a sensible balance between ride quality and handling.

For now, the engine technology is petrol only and nothing fancy: a 53bhp 1.2-litre or 72bhp 1.4-litre. I actually prefer the 1.2; the official 0-62mph in 16.5 seconds looks glacial, but it seems to have enough power when you need it.

The three-cylinder layout causes some unevenness on tickover, but this settles down well for the motorway and it should average around 45mpg.

Neither powertrain qualifies for the lowest (£35/year) payable road tax band though and standard spec is basic – you need around £600 to trade up to the higher Urban package, bringing electric front windows, body-coloured bumpers and door mirrors, remote central locking and sliding rear bench seat.

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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
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Driving appeal	★★★★★
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#### KIA SEDONA



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##### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
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**306**, LX 5dr, v535jnw, anti-theft system, central locking, immobiliser, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, rear headrests, rear wash/wipe, multiple airbags, child locks, abs, power steering, automatic electric windows, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, aluminium silver, 40000 miles, £2995, Automatically Ray Morris (Welling), Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

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**306**, XSi 5 dr, 1998 "r", a 2.0 litre engine producing 130bhp making these models very popular, the car has power steering, remote central locking sun roof abs electric front windows mirrors, service history, blue, 116, 000 miles, £1495, Courtenay Cars, Charing, Ashford, 01233 714848 (TRADE)

**306**, 1.4, 1998, met red, 85046 miles, £1995, County Car Sales, Dover, 01304 242324 (TRADE)

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**Job Title: Occupational Therapist**  
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**Charing Church of England (Aided) Primary School**  
School Road, Charing, Ashford, TN27 0JN  
Telephone: 01233 712277

Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk

Closing date: 24.11.08

Interview date: wc 01.12.08

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jenniferspooner@marloweacademy.co.uk

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**08/110**

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**The closing date for the above posts is Monday 24th November 2008 at 12 noon**

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A qualification to diploma level in counselling with group work experience, preferably in a drug and alcohol day programme or residential setting is required. A BACP accreditation would be advantageous. Please quote reference: 527.

Closing date: 21 November 2008 at 12 midday.

Interview date: 2 December 2008.

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Closing date: 28 November 2008.

Interview date: 8 December 2008.

Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from **http://www.kca.org.uk/pages/vacancies.html** or email recruitment@kca.org.uk Alternatively, write to KCA (UK), Dan House, 44 East Street, Faversham, Kent ME13 8AT or call 01795 590635. Please quote the appropriate reference.

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**Lecturer – Bricklaying (variable hours) Ashford** Ref: T1368

Main duties are to teach Bricklaying skills and knowledge to students aged 16+ from Entry Level to Level 3. You will prepare and deliver lectures, prepare and mark assessments and take a proactive role in the co-ordination and development of the Bricklaying curriculum provision. A City & Guilds Advanced Craft or NVQ Level 3 in Bricklaying is essential.

**Lecturer – Hairdressing (variable hours) Folkestone** Ref: T1367

Main responsibilities are to deliver City & Guilds NVQ Hairdressing Levels 1, 2 and 3, to learners aged 14+. You will deliver and prepare for lectures and practical salon based teaching sessions and mark and prepare learners for assessments, projects, assignments, and written and oral tests. You will hold NVQ Level 3 or equivalent in Hairdressing.

For further information or an application pack please contact the Human Resources Department on 0845 207 8222 (24 hour answerphone), email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk)

The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is Tuesday 2nd December 2008.

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All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.



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Applications are by CV and covering letter by email on [admin@towers.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@towers.kent.sch.uk), fax on 01233 628326 or post. Please mark for the attention of Mrs Kyla Weeden. All applications should be received by Wednesday, 26th November 2008. Interviews will be held the following week.

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**within the Faculty of Engineering & Construction** 08/148

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The post will involve the training, reviewing and assessing of learners on training programmes. The successful applicant will hold an occupationally relevant qualification (NVQ Levels 3 / 4) and / or have work experience, hold Vocational Assessor awards and have relevant training experience & qualifications.

**Closing date for applications is Friday 24th November 2008**

For further information and an application pack contact:

Sarah Bryant at Age Concern Training, Unit 10, Willesborough Industrial Park, Ashford, Kent, TN24 0TD

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Please send an S.A.E. to Mrs Julia Knight for an application form and further details. The closing date for return of applications is 28th November 2008.

An Offer of appointment will be subject to a satisfactory Enhanced Criminal Record Bureau Disclosure and references satisfactory to the Head teacher.

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Email: [rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:rsme.recruitment@midkent.ac.uk)

Telephone 01634 884555 (24 hr answer machine)

For an informal discussion on these positions, please call: Ken Pullan on 07725128661

**Closing Date 30th November 2008**

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**LOVE TO LOVE YOU**  
Lovely female, 36, 5ft4, medium-large build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, lives walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term, serious relationship. Box 438102

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Cute, single mum of 4, 38yrs old, Kent based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897953

**FROM ME TO YOU**  
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**POLISH LADY SEEKING...**  
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**MISS JULIE**  
Bubbly blonde, 44, stupid and like having a laugh, good company, friendship, would like to meet new friends for hopeful love. Box 886162

**WELL SEE**  
Blonde hair/blue eyes, 5ft5, slim, looking for love and understanding. I'm a nice woman, 47, seeking good male, for friendship, possibly more. Box 445392

**ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?**  
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

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Female 49, 5ft4, long hair, slim, likes eating out, the beach, travel, seeks a friendly chap, 46-55. Hastings Box 417100

**ENTERTAIN ME**  
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**DIG DEEPER**  
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walking, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

**FUNNY GIRL**  
Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

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**SPONTANEOUS**  
Karen, 46, 5ft3, medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a nice bottle of wine, WLTW light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445745

**COME ON OVER**  
Divorced female, 40, likes fishing, swimming, walking and eating out, WLTW young man, for friendship and more. Box 446097

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**LET'S SEE WHAT HAPPENS**  
Laid-back single mum, very bubbly, outgoing and intelligent, 43, enjoys social life, drinks, meals, cinema; looking to start afresh with someone new, easygoing and life-loving. Box 446102

**HERE TO BE YOURS**  
Single mum, caring, honest, 43, fair hair, blue eyes, medium build, 5ft8, seeking reliable, friendly, honest gent for friendship, maybe more. Box 446307

**THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE**  
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 441156

**DON'T PASS ME BY**  
Friendly, bubbly, fun-loving woman, 45, 5'4", GSOH, enjoys socialising, pubs, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

**MAKE ME LAUGH, MAKE ME YOURS**  
Single 47yr old lovely female, 5ft5, slim, blonde hair, blue-green eyes, seeking male for potential LTR, must have GSOH! Box 865288

**HAPPY GO LUCKY**  
Sincere, happy woman, with GSOH, I'm 5ft6, with short brown hair, brown eyes, I have lots of interests and WLTW similar guy. Box 895019

**WELL SEE**  
Blonde hair/blue eyes, 5ft5, slim, looking for love and understanding. I'm a nice woman, 47, seeking good male, for friendship, possibly more. Box 445392

**ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?**  
Caring, cute female, 46, petite, likes socialising, dancing, travelling, good food, seeking intelligent, loyal man 42-52 for love and TLC. Seaford. Box 444366

**JANE SEEKING TAZAN**  
Hi, I'm Jane, 49, 5ft4, love life, animals, gardening and going out, looking for an honest, loving and caring male FOR a LTR. Box 446117

**WHERE R U?**  
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**LAUGHTER, THE BEST MEDICINE**  
Help me write my stand-up comedy routine! I'm 49, you'll need to make me laugh out loud and understand observational comedy to make the grade. Box 892640

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Petite, brunette, bubbly, friendly, easygoing single mum, 49, enjoys cinema, eating out, socialising, most things, WLTW genuine male, to see where life takes us! Box 835562

**CARING & PROFESSIONAL**  
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**ENTERTAIN ME**  
49y/o female, medium build, blonde, quite short, seeking tall, confident, sensual guy for regular dining, drinking and laughing, honest, genuine and loving. Box 438854

**DIG DEEPER**  
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walking, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

**FUNNY GIRL**  
Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

**NOTHING VENTURED...**  
WLTW genuine, happy guy, easygoing and fun. Box 445635

**SPONTANEOUS**  
Karen, 46, 5ft3, medium build, likes keeping fit, getting out and about, travelling and a nice bottle of wine, WLTW light-hearted male for a LTR. Box 445745

**COME ON OVER**  
Divorced female, 40, likes fishing, swimming, walking and eating out, WLTW young man, for friendship and more. Box 446097

**THE HOME LIFE**  
Happy, caring female, homely, tactile and honest. I'm black African, 41, 5ft2, medium build, and would like LTR with the right person. Box 446024

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**ARE YOU MY MR RIGHT?**  
Independent, honest, caring and genuine smoker, 53, medium build, GSOH, likes socialising, travelling, WLTW a genuine and honest male for friendship, companionship, maybe a LTR. Box 887442

**COMPANIONSHIP LAUGHTER, HOPEFULLY MORE**  
Curvy & cuddly, outgoing, friendly, honest, blonde female, 53, 5ft7, larger build, fair hair, likes socialising, country walks, theatre, cinema, music, swimming, WLTW similar loving male. Box 443642

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Hi, I'm Teresa, 53yr young, like animals, gardening and ordinary things! WLTW a nice man, my age or younger, for a possible relationship. Box 445707

**EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT!**  
African lady, 58, likes reading, current affairs and travelling, WLTW an outgoing, fun-loving and honest male to share the rest of my life with. Box 445122

**DON'T BE SHY, SAY HI!**  
Positive, happy, young-at-heart Mum, 55, 5ft8, blonde, loves classic rock and blues, country pubs, WLTW like-minded genuine male for friendship and hopefully something more. Box 443855

**SOPHISTICATED SUE**  
Sue, 56yr old, 5ft4, green eyes, petite, loves cooking, holidays, reading and swimming, WLTW a tall professional male, similar age, for friendship and romance. Box 443309

**UP FOR IT?**  
Maidstone male, 33, 6ft, muscular, GSOH, fair hair/blue eyes, likes Thai boxing, pubs, having fun, cosy nights in, housework/good music, WLTW loving, attractive, slim female. Box 156289

**LOVE ME TENDER**  
Fun-loving honest dad, 34, 5ft11, brown hair, seeking honest, caring female for friendship, maybe leading to honest, tender relationship. Eastbourne. Box 446200

**ATTENTION**  
Fun-loving male, 33, 6ft, blue eyes, fair hair, stocky-muscular, seeks similar slender female to enjoy life with. Maidstone. Box 194378

**LOOKING FOR YOU**  
Normal down-to-earth guy 5ft9, short hair, brown eyes, medium build, 34, love to meet female any age for outgoing, fun, friendly times and maybe more. Box 446154

**NON-SMOKING**  
Separated male, 36, 6ft, good looks, GSOH, kind, caring and sensual, into films and fitness. Seeking a cute to share life and love with. Box 445729

**EVERYTHING I DO**  
Laid back, 36yr old, 6ft3, dark hair, like pubs, clubs, wine bars, places of interest, sports and reading, WLTW a woman for friendship and romance. Box 889220

**LOVE THE ONE YOU'RE WITH**  
Attractive, caring man, 37, very loyal, genuine, down-to-earth, from East Kent, many interests, it's about you with, what you're doing. Box 423435

**HERE I AM**  
Hi Stuart, 36, 6ft6, short dark hair, stocky build, love squash, badminton, swimming, the gym, theatre, seeking a fun-loving, nice lady for loyalty and love. Box 437106

**TRUTHSTORY**  
Margate man, 37, 6ft3, dark hair, nice big GSOH, into in reading, music, what I love. I'm down-to-earth, kind, tactile, with GSOH. Box 423437

**FULL MARKS**  
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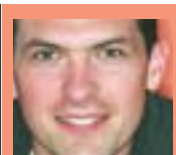
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Curvy female, 32, seeks like-minded woman, for friendship, hopefully more. Single mum, work part time. Box 886142

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Honest, kind-hearted upbeat person, 40, likes sports, cinema, music, clubs, meals out, looking for a similar soulmate for friendship and love. Box 446165

**SEEKING SNOW WHITE**  
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**LOOKING TO LOVE**  
Honest and genuine male, 45yrs, attractive, sincere, GSOH, short hair, medium build, 5ft6, WLTW honest, caring female with GSOH of similar age. Box 885121

**FOUND LIKE YOU?**  
Single dad, honest and easygoing, 51, 6ft2, brown hair/green eyes, average build, and I'm looking for a caring lady. Box 445652

**YOU FOR ME**  
**ME FOR YOU...**  
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**CLOSE TO YOU**  
I'm Graham, 6ft2, carpenter, adores rugby, hates football! WLTW a slim, tactile and intelligent female for a relationship. Box 445689

**QUIET LIFE**  
Seeking female company, I enjoy films, walks, popping down the rugby club, live music, eating in and out, walking, WLTW slim female, N/S, to share interests together. Stittingbourne Box 186656

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This is open to businesses, charities and the public sector. The winning organisation will demonstrate that it has an important message to convey to the community it serves, which must be in Kent. The winner will be able to promote its community services using a proportion of the prize fund as decided by the judges.

### Employer Award

This award will go to an employer who can demonstrate that even in these challenging times that its management still go out of their way to empower or motivate staff. This category is open to any employer, from a small shop to a company where thousands work. Employees can also nominate their company or organisation for a share of this £1million marketing prize fund to promote themselves as an employer as decided by the judges.

### Leisure and Tourism Award

Kent has a fantastic reputation for tourism and it frequently gets recognition across Britain for excelling in this area. Our judges want to hear from those organisations, whether they are a small local attraction, a restaurant that captures visitors' imaginations right through to major tourist draws and of course the companies and organisations that promote them. As with all the categories the judges will award a share of the £1million-plus prize fund to help the winner promote its profile within tourism in Kent.

### Retailer Award

The UK has always been known as a nation of shopkeepers and Kent is no different, with a wealth of choice and unique shops. We are looking for one Kent retailer who can demonstrate to the judges why a share of this marketing/advertising prize fund should go to promote their business over the next year.

### Service Award

This award will go to a business that either specialises in service or demonstrates to the judges that its service to its customers within Kent is outstanding. Applications need to be from Kent-based businesses, organisations or groups and the winner will receive a share of the £1million-plus marketing/advertising prize fund to promote its service to its target audience.

### Training and staff development Award

Quite often in times of an economic slow-down businesses wrongly under-invest in staff. We are looking for a company that demonstrates its commitment to training and staff development. Applications are welcome from training companies, employers or recommendations from employees who are impressed with their workplace. All applicants must be based in Kent and the winner will receive a share of the £1million-plus marketing/advertising prize fund to promote its reputation for training and staff development within the county.

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# Wanderers slump continues with another defeat



ON THE SLIDE: Thanet Wanderers have slipped to the bottom three of London 2 South

THANET Wanderers slumped to their third defeat in a row and have subsequently dropped into London 2 South's bottom three.

The home side were fired up for the match against their near neighbours, but a mistake in the midfield allowed Thanet to open the scoring on 18 minutes. Wanderers intercepted the ball and went on to score in the corner.

It took until the half hour for Dover to register any points, when their first try came from an impressive move from a scrum deep in the Thanet 22.

The ball passed through several hands before ending up on the win for Ben Sedgwick to dive over the

## RUGBY

### Dover 37

#### Thanet Wanderers 15

try line. However, just before the break Dover fell behind for a second time after Thanet successfully converted a penalty.

Whatever was said at the interval worked as Dover came out with renewed energy and bossed the second half.

Martyn Beaumont slotted a penalty early on to level the score before Dover scored their second try on 51 minutes. Ben Murray

found Lee Tonks from a scrum and he made no mistake in finding a gap in the defence to score.

Minutes later the lead was extended and game put further out of the reach of Thanet, as Sedgwick scored his second try of the game, followed by a third shortly after.

Dover completed the victory with Beaumont scoring a try in the dying minutes to consign Thanet to their third defeat in as many weeks.

• The Wanderers face a tough game at the weekend as they make the trip to the south coast to play London 1 side Portsmouth in the EDF Energy Intermediate Cup.

## Pupils take part in sport festival

CLIFTONVILLE Primary and St Saviour's Junior Schools both took part in a highly successful set of multi-skilled activities last weekend.

St Saviour's hosted 21 year-three pupils who enjoyed events ranging from ladder runs to throwing and jumping events.

The activities were made possible thanks to the help given by the year-six leaders of the host school.

The event was part of the Thanet School Sport Partnership, which aims to test the youngsters' skills in a competitive environment.

TSSP key-rings were presented to the top five students, who received a certificate for their commitment and enthusiasm.

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A lack of funds has prevented the Gills gaining new players, says Mark Stimson

## Cricketers' reward for a good season

WESTGATE-ON-SEA Cricket Club enjoyed a good 2008 season with both first and second teams having good campaigns.

Steve Wood was presented the batting award for the 1st XI while Chris Flint received the bowling award. For the 2nd XI Gary Sandwell was awarded the batting award and Rick Sadler the bowling award.

Alex Spokes was chosen as the most improved player of the season.

The club enjoyed a successful charity game in August, raising £460 for Demelza House. The club would like to thank the players, tea lady Joanne and everyone who showed up for their generosity.

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# Watching pal Calzaghe spurs Tak into ring return

## BOXING

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

UNDEFEATED boxing champion Joe Calzaghe has helped convince Kent boxer Mehrdud Takaloo to step back into the ring.

Takaloo, the former two-time WBU champion at both light-middleweight and welterweight, had contemplated retiring from the sport following his defeat to Anthony Small in January.

However, after spending the weekend with Calzaghe during the Welshman's final win of his career against Roy Jones in New York, Takaloo has had a change of heart.

The 33-year-old told Yourthanet: "Being with Joe Calzaghe and walking in the ring with him at Madison Square Gardens was amazing and made me realise that having the rest has done me the world of good."

"It has given me a good feeling and has made me want to get back in the ring. Calzaghe is 36 and Jones is 38, so at 33 I am just a pup in boxing terms. Being in New York has changed my mind."

Speaking to Takaloo after that defeat to Small, it seemed as though he was destined to retire as it appeared he had lost his desire to fight again. Now, almost a year on, the Margate Rock as he is known, concedes he could be back in the ring in the next few months.

Calzaghe, hailed as one of the greatest British boxers of all time, is expected to officially announce his retirement from boxing after a staggering record of 46 unbeaten bouts and become a promoter.

Takaloo believes that having Calzaghe promoting him, rather than Frank Warren, will bring opportunities for him to fight in America.

"Joe is one of my best mates and to have him promoting me would be fantastic," he said. "There is such a big boxing community in America that love the sport. When I walked out with Joe it made the hairs on the back of my neck stand up and I really wanted to get in there and fight."

"After my last fight I was looking for every excuse but being in New York really opened my eyes. Boxing is in my blood. Boxing in this country is not as well supported as it used to be as people are watching it on television rather than going to the halls."

The hunger and desire is clearly back and admitted that his decision to return to the ring has been made and is just awaiting confirmation as to when his next fight will be.

A rematch with Small and a fight against



COMEBACK: Takaloo says watching Joe Calzaghe win at Madison Square Garden has relit his enthusiasm for the sport

current British and Commonwealth champion Ryan Rhodes is top of the list, but most of all, he is looking forward to a chance to fight in America.

He added: "I am still registered as a fighter so in that sense I never retired and I have kept in good shape. My decision is made, it's just a case of getting the right fight."



# Yorath in call for new players as Gate slump

## FOOTBALL

BY FRED ATKINS

### Margate 2

Takaloo 7, Pratt 64

### Harrow Borough 3

Morlese 27, 62, Shroot 69



#### Margate starting XI



Masada (Pratt) 60, Robinson (Gregory) 78



Picture: IOR KUPCO

**EQUALISER:** But Kenny Pratt's goal failed to prevent a defeat for Margate, whose troubled season continues

"If we don't get those three players in, we're going to continue to struggle."  
• The Blues are away to Sutton United on Saturday.

Morlese slid the equaliser past goalkeeper Pat Mullin.

Harrow should have scored twice more before the break and the half-time interval brought little respite for Margate as Harrow continued to dominate.

They eventually retook the lead just past the hour mark when Constant slipped the ball to Morlese, who made it 2-1.

The home side conjured an unlikely equaliser three minutes later when Wilson steered Corbishley's long throw into six-yard area and Kenny Pratt grabbed his second goal of the season, but parity lasted just four minutes.

Lee Hall's free kick was deflected into the Margate box and Shroot turned in the winner.

Margate never looked like equalising in the closing stages, leaving Yorath with work to do.

He said: "This week is going to be more work for me, getting on the telephone, seeing what I can do with bringing players in because we need to strengthen in three positions: striker, a central midfielder and a centre half."

MARGATE caretaker manager Terry Yorath pulled no punches in his post-match assessment of the club's latest defeat.

Talking on the club's website, he said: "At 1-0 up we stopped playing. We could have been 3-1 down at half-time quite easily, but then we got ourselves back into it by a fortunate goal, but our defending was woeful."

Having snapped a five-game losing streak with their midweek win over Boreham Wood, Margate's confidence was given a further boost when they took a seventh-minute lead.

Wayne Wilson's free kick found Dan Young and his knock-down fell to Mo Takaloo, who scored his first goal for Margate since returning to the club after a long exile at Ramsgate and Maidstone.

The striker produced one of his trademark finishes to turn on the six-yard line and volley the ball past Harrow's Andray Baptiste.

Yet on 27 minutes it was 1-1, as the Gate defence was pulled open and Kurt



READY TO PLAY: Maidstone Rangers have benefited

## Disability league is now up and running

SUCCESS stories are few and far between these days, but the creation of the county's first adult disability football league is something to shout about.

Just a year ago, disabled adults in the county had no means of competitive football as the Kent Youth Disability League only allowed children to play up to the age of 16.

As of last month this changed when a two-division league was set up after the Football Association agreed to the idea put forward by Maidstone Raiders' disability coach John Harvey and the Kent FA.

Teams from Thanet, Shepway, Larkfield, Maidstone and Canterbury have all benefitted by entering into the league, which is proving to be a huge success.

Harvey said: "The adult league is well and truly up and running. I am over the moon that adults with disability have a competitive league in which to play. Kent should be very proud of the league and the FA have shown great interest in the work we are doing."

The Maidstone coach has been impressed by the impact the league has had after its inception in October.

# Rams battle way to well-deserved draw

## FOOTBALL

### Harlow Town 1

Bunn 30

### Ramsgate 1

Hadden 65



ANDY Hadden's 65th-minute goal earned Ramsgate a deserved point at Harlow as they fight to stay in the Ryman Premier Division.

The first half was a dismal affair, but Hadden nearly put the visitors in front in the first minute, only to see his shot loop over the bar.

Harlow's Danny Green hit the bar, before Rams goalkeeper Jack Delo made a great reaction save to thwart Jamie Richards, but the home side finally went in front after 30 minutes.

Richards squared the ball to James Bunn, whose shot screamed past Delo and into the roof of the net.

The Essex men led going into the interval, prompting a tactical reshuffle from the Rams, who brought on loan signing Tom Wynter from Gillingham and Ben Brown.

The effect was almost immediate as Ramsgate piled on the pressure, with a Walder free kick going inches wide and Nick Davis's header forcing a goal-line clearance by Mark Taylor.

The equaliser arrived when Simon Pettit hurled in a long throw and the ball fell to Hadden, who gleefully accepted the chance.



Picture: IOR KUPCO

**EQUALISER:** Andy Hadden was on target for Ramsgate

#### Ramsgate starting XI



Subs used: Wynter (Duff) 46, Brown (Walker) 46,

With Ramsgate in the ascendancy the home side survived a penalty shout for handball before nearly snatching a winner in the dying minutes.

Davis then scrambled a Harlow effort off the line to ensure justice was done.

• The Rams are home to Bognor Regis Town in the FA Trophy on Saturday.

## HOCKEY



ON TARGET: Cliftonville ladies netted a much-needed victory

## Game of thrills and Ville goals

CLIFTONVILLE maintained their position in third spot in Kent Men's Outdoor A after they edged out Burnt Ash in an eight-goal thriller.

Ville's initial aspirations were quashed when Burnt Ash took an early lead. Ville were battling hard but were headless in attack. At half-time the score was 2-2, but the Thanet side were in the game but not playing as fluently as they would have liked.

The second half saw much of the same as both sides cancelled each other out as it went to 3-3, but with 20 minutes to go, Ville's superior fitness paid off as they scored another two goals to win 5-3. Scorers were Alex Cowell (2), Paul McNally, Alex Taylor and Mike Burney.

The men's 2nd XI didn't fare so well at the weekend as they suffered a 4-2 defeat at home to Old Bordenians.

Ville striker James Perks opened the scoring but the visitors piled on the pressure and got a deserved equaliser.

Both sides continued to work hard and the edge unfortunately went to Old Bordenians, whose well-drilled side managed to find the chinks in Ville's defensive armour and put two more goals away before half-time.

In the final ten minutes of the second half Ville were the better side, playing the ball round their opponents and creating chances.

One fell to James Sparks, whose strike at goal was superbly saved. Undaunted, Ville kept up the pressure and were rewarded just before the end when winger Rob Macer struck the ball on the turn and sent the ball past the static Bordenians keeper.

But it was a story of too little too late from Ville, who seemed to find their game only after they were already behind and left themselves no time to find the winner.

The ladies 1st XI earned a much-needed win with a 2-0 victory against Marden Russets.

Jennifer Chapman opened the scoring early on before she went on to claim her second and all three points for Ville.

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